

Algal Blooms and Hypoxia: Formulating an Action Plan. Testimony was heard from Robert Magnien, Director, Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Suzanne E. Schwartz, Acting Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, EPA; and public witnesses.

### SMALL/MINORITY DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Doing Business with the Government: The Record and Goals for Small, Minority and Disadvantaged Businesses. Testimony was heard from Tamela Riggs, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Vendor Alliance and Acquisition, Public Building Service, GSA; Jacob Hansen, Director, Acquisition Division, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Rudy Watley, Supplier Diversity Program Manager, Office of Equal Employment and Minority Affairs, The Smithsonian Institution; Roger Mosier, Vice President of Facilities, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Terrie Rouse, Chief Executive Officer, Visitor Services, Capital Visitor Center; and public witnesses.

### BRIEFING—NOTIFICATION UPDATE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Notification Update. The Committee was briefed by LTG Mark A. Welsh III, USAF, Associate Director, Military Support and Military Affairs, CIA.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine federal tax treatment of health care benefits provided by tribal governments to their citizens, 10 a.m., SD-628.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 20 through  
September 26, 2009

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business

#### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* September 24, to hold hearings to examine the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, focusing on one year later, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

September 24, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine securitization of assets, focusing on problems and solutions, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* September 23, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne S. Ferro, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Cynthia L. Quartermann, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, both of the Department of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* September 22, business meeting to consider an original bill providing for health care reform, 9 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* September 23, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009", and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* September 22, to hold hearings to examine the Weapons of Mass Destruction Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2009, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Contract Audit Agency, focusing on reform, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 24, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the government, focusing on performance, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

September 24, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine a review of United States diplomatic readiness, focusing on the staffing and foreign language challenges facing the foreign service, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* September 22, Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform,

focusing on how the current immigration law impacts America's agricultural industry and food security, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 22, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening security and oversight at biological research laboratories, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

September 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the USA PATRIOT Act, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen and Dolly M. Gee, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Richard Seeborg and Edward Milton Chen, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

September 24, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 448, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 1670, to reform and modernize the limitations on exclusive rights relating to secondary transmissions of certain signals, and the nominations of Paul Joseph Fishman, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, Jenny A. Durkan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, Florence T. Nakakuni, to be United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii, and Deborah K. R. Gilg, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* September 22, to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

September 24, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* September 22, to continue hearings to review proposed legislation by the U.S. Department of Treasury regarding the regulation of over-the-counter derivatives markets, part two, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* September 24, Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on DOD Supply Chain Management: Can the Department Identify and Meet its Supply Needs Efficiently? 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* September 23, hearing on H.R. 3017, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* September 22, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled "Federal Oversight of High Containment Bio-Laboratories," 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing entitled "A Na-

tional Interoperable Broadband Network for Public Safety: Recent Developments," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* September 23, hearing entitled "The Administration's Proposals for Financial Regulatory Reform," 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 24, full Committee, hearing entitled "Experts' Perspectives on Systemic Risk and Resolution Issues," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Recent Innovations in Securitization," 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* September 24, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "I&A Reconciled: Defining A Homeland Security Intelligence Role," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* September 22, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on the USA PATRIOT Act, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 22, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Reauthorization of the Innocence Protection Act, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 23, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on an Undue Hardship? Discharging Educational Debt in Bankruptcy, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* September 22, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1054, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 2213, To reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act; H.R. 3433, To amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3537, Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 11, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3563, Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2009; H.R. 2288, Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2009; and H.R. 2316, Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* September 22, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing entitled "The Local Role of the United States Parole Commission (USPC): Increasing Public Safety, Reducing Recidivism, and Using Alternatives to Re-incarceration in the District of Columbia," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 22, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing entitled "The

Census 2010 Integrated Communications Campaign; Criteria for Implementation: Measurements for Success,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 23, full Committee, hearing entitled “The Silent Depression: How Are Minorities Faring In The Economic Downturn?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 24, hearing entitled “Credit Rating Agencies and the Next Financial Crisis,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, September 23, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to mark up the following measures: the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2009; the Solar Technology Roadmap Act; and the Energy and Water Research Integration Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, to consider the Cybersecurity Research and Development Amendments Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on the Potential Need for Measurement Standards to Facilitate the Research and Development of Biologic Drugs, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, September 23, hearing entitled “The Impact of Financial Regulatory Restructuring on Small Businesses and Community Lenders,” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing entitled “The Roles of Federal Labs in Spurring Innovation and Entrepreneurship Across the U.S.” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, September 22, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 23, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the FAA’s Call to Action on Airline Safety and Pilot Training, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 23, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Risk-based Security in Federal Buildings: Targeting Funds to Real Risks and Eliminating Unnecessary Security Obstacles, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, September 22, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Is the VA Meeting the Pharmaceutical Needs of Veterans? An Examination of the VA National Formulary, Issues of Patient Safety, and Management of the Pharmacy Benefits Program, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

September 23, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing on the SES Bonuses and Other Administrative Issues at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

September 24, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Honoring the Fallen: How Can We Better Serve America’s Veterans and Their Families? 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

September 24, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 294, Veteran-Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2009; H.R. 1169, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disabled veterans for specially adapted housing and automobiles and adapted equipment; H.R. 1182, Military Spouses Residency Relief Act; H.R. 2416, To require the Department of Veterans Affairs to use purchases of goods or services through the Federal supply schedules for the purpose of meeting certain contracting goals for participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, including veterans with service-connected disabilities; H.R. 2461, Veterans Small Business Verification Act; H.R. 2614, Veterans’ Advisory Committee on Education Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 2696, Servicemembers Rights Protection Act; H.R. 2874, Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009; H.R. 2928, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an apprenticeship and on-job training program under the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program; H.R. 3223, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and references for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans; H.R. 3554, National Guard Education Equity Act; H.R. 3561, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational assistance provided to certain veterans for flight training; H.R. 3577, Education Assistance to Realign New Eligibilities for Dependents (EARNED) Act of 2009; and other draft legislation, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, September 23, executive, briefing on Afghanistan/Pakistan, 2 p.m., 304–HVC.

September 23, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis Reform Efforts, 4 p.m., 304–HVC.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming*, September 24, hearing entitled “Solar Heats Up: Accelerating Widespread Deployment,” 1: 30 p.m., room to be announced.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: September 24, to hold hearings to examine the future of newspapers, focusing on the impact on the economy and democracy, 10 a.m., 210–CHOB.